

NCGC January General Meeting January 7, 2016

****President** Cheryl Fawvor called the General Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Pat Chislett introduced our speaker - Margaret Sinclair. The presentation was on "Is Your Style in Your Garden?" Margaret showed a PowerPoint as well as live examples of ways to put our personalities into our yards.

****President:** Cheryl Fawvor called the business meeting to order. She welcomed our guests and asked that everyone leave the closest parking spots for those who need them.

Cheryl presented a certificate of appreciation to Gayle Granger. Gayle has been a member of the board for eighteen years and served the club on the Phone Committee. Thank you to Alice Brown, who prepared the certificate.

****Secretary:** Linda Warren announced that the board had approved the December minutes and that they are now posted on the website.

****Treasurer:** Vikki Rogers gave the treasurer's report:
Beginning balance \$8561.70

Income none

Expenses \$1213.66

Current balance \$7348.04

****Programs:** Pat Chislett explained that the speaker for next month has cancelled, but that we will instead have a presentation by Kathy Lord, Executive Director of the Bayou Preservation Association. Premier Sharpening will also be at the Feb. meeting, and their price list is available in the newsletter.

Baking with Alice is scheduled for Jan. 21. The workshop is full, but Pat is taking names for a wait list.

Next month there will be a sign-up sheet for the field trip to the Azalea Trail.

****Parliamentarian:** Kim Patrick thanked Sue Straub and Marilyn Frueh for serving on the nominating committee.

Cheryl Fawvor then conducted the election. For each position, Cheryl called for

nominations from the floor and then asked for a voice vote. In each case there were no nominations from the floor and no “nay” votes. The new officers are: Claudine Illg (2nd Vice President), Vikki Rogers (Treasurer), and Linda Warren (Secretary).

****Fundraising:** Lori Fay announced that ticket sales for our April 23 Yard Tour will start next month. She also explained that money from fundraising is used to pay for speakers, meeting place, prizes, etc. The winners of this month's drawings were:

Herb Signs – Patti Crawford

Windspinner – Lisa Holden

Bird Bath/Yard Sculpture – Linda Warren

Plants – Mary Ann Clark and Debbie Hamm

****Hospitality:** Gayle Spence urged members to sign up to be hosts/hostesses for March and April. Cheryl recognized Gayle for the excellent new hospitality format.

****Newsletter:** Jewel Munoz reported that the January newsletter is available in a hard copy for those without internet access.

****Membership:** Patti Crawford reported that we now have 83 members, and today there are five visitors.

Cheryl explained to the club that the MUD Building has a capacity of 100 people. We currently have 50-60 members present at each meeting, so the Board has discussed a possible venue change. We currently pay the MUD \$50 annually for the use of the building, and \$50 monthly for a set-up fee. Pamela Stephens has agreed to chair a committee to look into options. If anyone knows of a good location or would like to be on the committee, please contact Pamela.

****Publicity:** Pat Plesko had nothing to report, but Cheryl thanked her for her good work in publicizing the club in the Chronicle and local newspapers.

****Sunshine:** Maddie Gardener thanked the club for keeping her informed.

****Horticulture:** Jean Bays identified some interesting and mysterious plants that members had brought.

****Phone Committee:** Maddie Gardner reminded the club that the last courtesy calls went out this week. A few members have said they would like the calls to continue. Let Maddie or Pamela know if you want or need to be on this list.

****Federation:** Sharon Cecil was not present, so Cheryl announced that we are all eligible to attend Fed. meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 at 9:30 for socializing and 10:30 for the speaker and business meeting. The topic will be "Garden Focal Points Personalized."

Cheryl concluded the meeting by informing members and visitors of the many opportunities available to volunteer and get more involved in the club. We'd love to have you!

Lunch will be at Babin's after the meeting. Thought for the day:

If you aren't killing plants, you aren't really stretching yourself as a gardener – J. C. Ralston

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.